



Commissioner's Fellows

Teach Tennessee is a highly selective, accelerated teacher licensure program initiated by Tennessee Governor Phil Bredesen and developed by the Tennessee Department of Education. Teach Tennessee is a program for those with strong content knowledge who wish to teach high need subjects in grades 7-12.

Teach Tennessee is expanding in 2010 to include a new program: the **Commissioner's Fellows**. If you are a recent college graduate and have a desire to impact the lives of Tennessee's children, the Commissioner's Fellows program will help you transition quickly into teaching. To be considered for selection, the program requires a Bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited university with a GPA of 3.0 or a passing score on the Praxis II content knowledge exam. Coursework in education or teaching experience is not required.

The **Commissioner's Fellows** will not require five years of work experience but will still be limited to those wanting to teach the identified high-need subject areas of math, science and foreign language in grades 7-12. Those selected for this program will be required to attend a twelve day Institute in East TN (Knoxville or Greeneville area) in July. Additionally, the Fellows must attend eight (8) monthly Saturday sessions (August – November and January – April).

Teaching endorsements awarded are limited to those subject areas that are required for graduation with preference given to the highest need subject areas of math, science, and foreign language. Candidates may not be enrolled in another teacher education program, currently hold a teaching license or have previously held a teaching license.

To request an application, please contact Barbara Floyd at Teach.TN@tn.gov.